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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**



Applicant: CORMIER, M. et al.

Serial No.: 09/190,887

Filed: 12 November 1998

Title: Buffered Drug Formulations  
for Transdermal Electrotransport  
Delivery

Attorney Docket No. ARC2589CIP1

Group Art Unit: 1618

Examiner: CELSA, B.

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The Office Action in this Application dated 12 September 2001, has been carefully reviewed. In response, the Applicants have amended the claims and made the following elections and provided the remarks herein.

**AMENDMENTS**

1. (Amended) A formulation for transdermal electrotransport delivery, comprising an aqueous solution of a drug [or an electrolyte] and a dipeptide buffer, the dipeptide buffer comprising a polypeptide chain of 2 to 5 amino acids and having an isoelectric pH at which the dipeptide